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Subject:

Comments on Draft NRC Generic Letter 2003-XX:

Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation During Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized Water Reactors.

Reference:

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Page 16980 - 16987.

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), the owner and operator of the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4, and FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC, the owner of a controlling interest in and the operator of Seabrook Station (collectively FPL), concurs with the comments of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding Draft NRC Generic Letter 2003-XX: Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation During Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized Water Reactors.

Specifically, FPL believes the generic letter should be modified to direct actions that are more in line with Bulletin 96-03. The intent of the draft Generic Letter and Bulletin 96-03 are the same, as each is intended to direct those actions necessary to provide a high level of assurance that recirculation systems supporting emergency core cooling system and containment spray system operation are capable of completing their safety functions under design basis accident assumptions. This intent was met by Bulletin 96-03 for the boiling water reactors through a very direct and focused generic communication.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

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